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Chairman's Corner



It should come as no surprise that an organization like ours must grow so that we have younger volunteers to replace us as we grow older. To meet that need, the Heritage Chapter has set two new goals for 2013. The first goal is to increase our membership by at least 100 new members. It's a goal we can achieve if we all "take a run" at recruiting. Let's all try to bring one new person to a meeting this year. Heck, let's try to bring a new person to every meeting this year! Our second goal is to reach, or exceed, 65,000 volunteer hours. The goal is ripe with opportunities to continue serving and making a difference in our communities!

Fran Parker, Bob Lambert and I are working to find a new partner for our Books and Backpacks program. I reported last month that, for a number of reasons, we decided not to team with Hopelink this year. On April 4 we are meeting with April Wilson to talk about a possible partnership with Boeing. April is the Community Investor-Puget Sound Employee Drives. I'll be sure to let you know the outcome of the meeting.

We have had recent requests from organizations wanting to get in touch with Bluebill members. You probably know that our position, in compliance with the Privacy Act, is to never share member information. What we may do is post information requests in our newsletter and let you decide if you wish to share private information with someone outside our organization.

Next month, you should be "on the lookout" for mischief-making Leprechauns. This time of year they are busy making shoes and storing their coins in a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If you are lucky enough to catch a Leprechaun, they have the power to grant 3 wishes in exchange for their release. But, you know the expression, "Just be careful of what you wish for!"

Don

Recap

Chapter Meeting February 22nd

By Dick & Earlene Beham

Don opened our meeting 10:30 AM, and introduced Don Peterson who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Next Don introduced guests attending, one of which was Isaac Bensussen. Benny as he was known at Boeing retired after 40 years and moved with his wife to Oahu, Hawaii. While in Hawaii he and his wife volunteered at the University of Hawaii.

Benny started out in the experimental Sheet Metal Shop at Plant 1. He became a Process Engineer on the Boeing 377 Stratocruiser working with Titanium in the early stages.

After introducing those with anniversaries and birthdays this month Don called on Helen Lowe to introduce our speaker for the month Sam Beard, former President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Exxon Nuclear Company who spoke on the "Japan Nuclear Disaster" and Nuclear power generation.



Sam went through his Power Point presentation and then answered questions from the attendees. He showed a chart of worldwide power generation from the 1800's thru 2040. Renewable energy can't

furnish a large amount of power. Gas prices will rise. We're tearing down dams and there aren't any rivers left to dam. Nuclear fuel can continue to provide highly efficient low cost reliable power.

Japan is 30% nuclear and 70% imported fossil fuel. During the March 2011 earthquake 50 plants were not affected, 8 shut down safely and they lost 4 plants due to the 50 foot tsunami—2700 megawatts lost. One town/nuclear site north of the disaster site built 50 foot walls that kept out the tsunami and survived untouched.

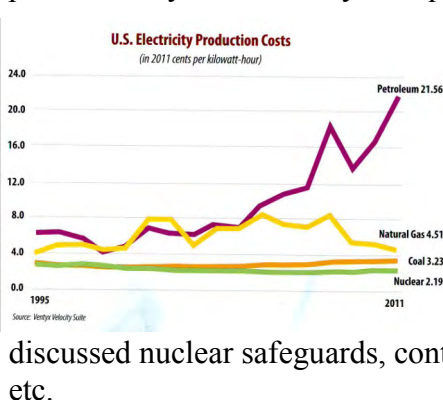
Fission problem decay continues even after plant shutdown. Hydrogen gas buildup as a result of melt-down blew the tops off the plants. There were no deaths or radiation sickness as a result and 3 persons died in the lower part of an onsite building.

All plants were shut down on May 5th 2012 temporarily and two units have resumed construction. Japan was to phase out nuclear power but may reconsider as this was primarily a political issue and there has been a change in political makeup.

Germany may phase out nuclear. The Swiss will not shut down until 2019. These and other possible shutdowns are all political in nature. Shutting down reactors probably won't happen because we can't replace the power by other means. Power consumption world wide continues to increase.

The US has 104 nuclear power plants. Coal plants are being converted to gas which is currently abundant, cleaner and less expensive. There are lots of atomic power plants under construction world wide. Construction permitting has been streamlined and modular reactors could be built rather quickly.

Electricity generated from nuclear energy has price stability because only one quarter of production costs are for fuel.



Fuel accounts for 80 to 90 percent of the cost of electricity produced. Sam also showed us other sources of radiation affecting our bodies and

discussed nuclear safeguards, containment, cleanup, etc.

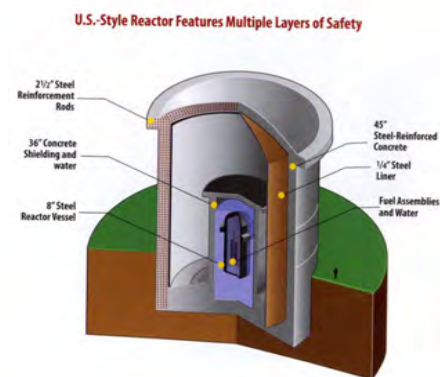
Some facts presented:

- Nuclear energy has a lower production cost than coal or natural gas.

- One uranium fuel pellet provides as much energy as one ton of coal, 149 gallons of oil or 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas.
- Uranium must undergo four processing steps to convert it from ore to solid ceramic fuel pellets.



fuel management program.



- The U. S. government has a legal responsibility to dispose of used reactor fuel. As part of that law, electricity consumers have paid \$36 billion in fees since 1983 specifically for used nuclear

- More than 65 nuclear energy facilities are under construction around the world.
- In seven states, nuclear energy makes up the largest percentage of electricity production.

Don closed the meeting with the drawing of our door prizes... for those of you who do not attend, we'd love to see you and have you share in the fun and socializing.

BUSY B's BUSY B's BUSY B's

By Janice Hawes

This is my first time writing about the Busy Bee happenings. We were lucky to be able to do our usual work when we returned in January, while all around us the move was going on.

I want to first say that Bambi will be a hard act to follow as chairman of the Busy Bee's. She has devoted so many years to get us where we are today. She certainly deserves to just kick back and make quilts or whatever else is ask of us.

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We are busy with our usual projects of quilt making and have just started a new one which is making short and long pants for the children at Child Haven. We recently received a donation of knit fabric and will be using that. If anyone has any 1/2 inch elastic they would like to donate, it would be very appreciated.

We had quite a few quilts accumulated and this month we were able to give Child Haven 11 quilts, the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance 30 quilts, which were delivered by Zip Zuther. Compass House in Renton received 8 quilts. This is a place that provides a home for homeless vets and their families. We gave 7 quilts to the Vets which Bob Lambert delivered. We have some very clever ladies who crochet baby hats and I took 36 of them to the Pediatric Interim Clinic in Kent, and another 30 to Valley Medical Centers Neonatal unit. Richard Vaughn delivered 16 afghans to the Washington State Old Soldiers home in Orting.

We have such a nice group of "workerbee's" and I always look forward to Tuesdays and Thursdays working with them, so I thank Bambi, Joyce, Lana, Yoshi, Jean, and Lisa for faithfully being there each week. A special thanks to Yoshi for always providing us with great snacks.

See you next month,

Janice

Volunteer Opportunities

By Maybelle Brickley

Northwest Center has a few opportunities to help this very beneficial foundation. If you would like to participate in any of them, contact Stephanie Koetje at email: skoetje@nwcenter.org.

JOB COACH – Helps adults of all abilities prepare for jobs in the community.

Northwest Center Works has an exciting opportunity to offer support and work closely with their adult clients on developing their job skills to prepare for community employment. This individual will help with training clients on current work skills and new job tasks on a step-by-step basis. They are looking for someone who enjoys teaching, is encouraging and patient.

Hours: Any day of the week between 9 am – 2 pm.

EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT ASSISTANT –

Help adults with disabilities find jobs! Northwest Center has a volunteer office assistant opportunity that will greatly help out their busy Northwest Center Works team. The employment consultants and the Director of Community Employment Services work diligently to provide our adult clients with developmental disabilities the tools to achieve their employment goals.

What is in great need is a on a monthly basis, support to the team, which would focus on typing dictated notes, applying for jobs online on behalf of their clients, filing and other duties as needed.

Hours: Once a month from 9 am – 4 pm.

CLOTHING DRIVE HOST—Be a Donation Ambassador

Host a clothing drive which will directly impact the lives of infants, children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Hosting a Clothing Drive is easy, fun and everyone can participate. You can hold a Clothing Drive at your work, your office, social club, church, school, apartment, neighborhood, day-care, etc. By hosting and participating in a Clothing Drive you get clean closets, reduce landfill waste and you even receive a tax deduction!

The Four Easy Steps to Hosting a Clothing Drive include:

- Pick a date for your drive.
- Promote your drive.
- Collect your donations.
- Schedule a pickup.

In addition, Northwest Center can help you make your drive even more successful. Do you need posters, postcards or flyers? They can provide that. Want ideas how to promote? They have ideas. Need a pickup? They can get The Big Blue Truck over to your location.

GROUP DEEP CLEANING FRENZY –

Northwest Center Kids, located in Queen Anne is in need of a group of hard working volunteers who are willing to put some elbow grease into this much needed opportunity. A group is needed to come on a Saturday to do some deep cleaning, including but not

limited to mopping, scrubbing walls and getting in the nooks and crannies. They want their children of all abilities to always be in an environment that sparkles!

Hours: Depends on number of volunteers, but needs to be on a mutually agreed Saturday.

Speaker for March 29th Chapter Meeting

David Boardman Executive Editor and Senior Vice President of The Seattle Times, Washington state's largest news organization.

Under his leadership, The Times won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting, for a series revealing that state policies had led to hundreds of unnecessary drug-overdose deaths. In 2010, The Times won the Pulitzer for breaking news, presented for print and online coverage of the assassination of four police officers. In previous years, Boardman directed an investigation of abuses in the federal tribal-housing program, which won the 1997 Pulitzer for investigative reporting, and coverage of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and its aftermath, which won the 1990 Pulitzer for national reporting. He also directed ten other projects that were Pulitzer finalists.

Boardman has been the recipient of numerous other major national awards, including the Goldsmith Prize in Investigative Reporting from Harvard University, the Worth Bingham Prize in Investigative Reporting, the Investigative Reporters and Editors Award and the Associated Press Managing Editors Public Service Award. In 2012, the Online News Association chose Seattletimes.com as one of the four best large news websites in North America.

He is vice president of the Board of Directors of the American Society of News Editors. He served as a director and president of Investigative Reporters and Editors, the nation's premier training organization for journalists. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Investigative Reporting, the Steering Committee of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, and the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He is a charter member of the Advisory Board of ProPublica, the investigative-journalism nonprofit. He also serves as chairman of the Center for Investigative Reporting in Bosnia and Herzego-

vina, and has conducted seminars for journalists there and in Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey. He is a former member of the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation Board and has served four times as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes. He is also a member of the National Advisory Board of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, and a Poynter Ethics Fellow.

Before joining The Times in 1983, Boardman was a reporter and editor at several papers in the Northwest, and worked on a construction project in Liberia, West Africa. He is a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and has a graduate degree from the University of Washington. He is an inductee of both the Medill Alumni Hall of Achievement and the University of Washington Communications Hall of Fame.

He has volunteered as a youth basketball coach and has served on advisory boards supporting music and journalism programs in the Seattle Public Schools.

He is married to Barbara Winslow Boardman, a writer and editor. They have two daughters. He enjoys kayaking, hiking, yoga, reading, cooking, wine, travel, music, and playing with his golden retriever, and hopes Northwestern will make it into the NCAA basketball tournament before he dies.

WOMEN AND SOCIAL SECURITY

By Kirk Larson

Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist

The Social Security program treats all workers — men and women — exactly the same in terms of the benefits they can receive. But women may want to familiarize themselves with what the program means to them in their particular circumstances. Understanding the benefits may mean the difference between living more comfortably versus just getting by in retirement.

Social Security plays a vital role in the lives of women. With longer life expectancies than men, women tend to live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. With the national average life expectancy for women in the United States rising, many women

will have *decades* to enjoy retirement.

Women represent 57 percent of all Social Security beneficiaries age 62 and older and approximately 68 percent of beneficiaries age 85 and older.

Today the average life expectancy of a 65 year old woman is age 85. As a result, experts generally agree that if women want to ensure that their retirement years are comfortable, they need to plan early and wisely.

In 2010, for unmarried women – including widows – age 65 and older, Social Security comprises 49 percent of their total income. In contrast, Social Security benefits comprise only 37 percent of unmarried elderly men's income and only 32 percent of elderly couples' income.

What you can do

The best place to begin is by knowing what you can expect to receive from Social Security, and how much more you are likely to need.

You can start with a visit to Social Security's *Retirement Estimator*. There, in just a few minutes, you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your retirement benefits. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

You should also visit Social Security's financial planning website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. It provides detailed information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government service, and other life or career events can affect your Social Security.

If you want more information about the role of Social Security in women's lives today, Social Security also has a booklet that you may find useful. It is called *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127.html.

PHM Reunion...

To all from Boeing Marine that were involved in the hydrofoil programs. The dates for the Navy Hydrofoil Reunion are Sept 20-23 2013 in Key West. Details at : www.foils.org/reunion.html

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Message from Steven Tochko, PE, Senior Manager Environmental Remediation, steven.tochko@boeing.com, 425 237 1956 or 206 290 6577 mobile"

"We are looking for former Boeing employees that might have worked at Plant 2 in the 40's and 50's who might want to talk to our legal team about what was going then. If you have any good contact information I would appreciate it."

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Food Bank Schedule For 2013

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz

Calendar of Events 2013

Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug ?	Chapter Picnic
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

March 29, 2013

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Speaker: David Boardman Executive Editor and Senior Vice President of The Seattle Times,

Topic: " Series of Topics to include the Editorial Board
and the Digital Age "

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA.

The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building
only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter.

The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

Hours worked _____

(month/year)

For

(agency name)

Hours worked _____

(month/year)

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(agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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From the **north** take Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson.

From the **south** go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson.

The meeting is in the Downtown Harley-Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

